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WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

Videotaped Deposition of ADAM WERNER, Ph.D., taken on behalf of Defendants, at 10250

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25			25	also here representing Trust I.	



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1 2	A. Well, one way to do it would be based on the trust prices.	2	oil prices, oil production on the value of the trusts. In addition, I looked at, at least with regards to my event
3	Q. The security prices of the trust units?	3	study at the end of the class period and the subsequent
4	A. Correct.	4	disclosures, we saw that as there were discussions of
5	Q. Just since you get a market cap for the	5	changes in oil production, that the stock price moved.
6	enterprise?	6	(Court reporter clarification.)
7	A. That would be one such way to do it.	7	THE WITNESS: The stock price moved.
8	Q. Was are there others?	8	BY MR. WORD:
9	A. Well, presumably people could do DCF analyses. I	9	Q. But there's no analysis in your report to support
10	mean, there's a whole host of things one could do.	10	the conclusion that the valuation of the trust depended
11	Q. Well, how did you do it when you determined that	11	heavily on the oil production from the trust wells?
12	the valuation of the trusts depended heavily on the oil	12	A. Would you define "analysis" for me?
13	production of the trusts' wells?	13	Q. Is there anything in the report that supports
14	A. I'd refer back to my previous answer with regards	14	your opinion that the valuation of the trust depended
15	to what I reviewed in determining that that, in fact, had	15	heavily on the oil production from the trust wells?
16	an impact on the trust valuation.	16	A. So, for instance, on page 50 of my report
17	Q. Did you perform a DCF analysis?	17	paragraph 92, the sentence states and I'm starting
18	A. I did not perform a DCF analysis.	18	mid-sentence.
19	Q. Did you look at the market cap of the trusts?	19	"Analysts updated their models for the SandRidge
20	A. I did look at the market cap of the trusts.	20	Trusts to reflect, among other things, the lower
21	Q. And did the market caps of the trusts indicate to	21	mix of oil in the Mississippian wells.
22	you that valuation of the trust depended heavily on the	22	Following comments from management of SandRidge
23	oil production from the trusts' wells?	23	Energy ("SD"), the sponsor of SDT, regarding
24	A. Well, certainly that was indicative or seeing how	24	horizontal Mississippian well performance we are
25	the price moved to changes in the announcement with	25	lowering EPU estimates and value range as a
	Page 19		Page 21
1		1	result of an updated type curve. SD management
1 2	regards to the breakdown of how the what the trusts were producing or what the wells were producing. I	2	indicated that horizontal Miss wells are
3	suppose that informed my opinion.	3	experiencing a greater than anticipated decline
3 4	Q. During the class period, did the market price for	4	in oil volumes. As such, SD has reduced per well
		5	EURs to 421,000 Boe (37 percent oil) from 456,000
5 6	the trust units decline as oil production declined? A. As I sit here, I don't recall.	6	(45 percent oil). We are updating our type curve
7	Q. Did the oil production of the trusts, Trust I and	7	and production model to reflect the revised
8	Trust II, increase or decline during the class period?	8	economic assumptions and as a result, we are
9	A. I don't recall.	9	lowering our EPU estimate excuse me
10	Q. Did the valuation of the trusts increase or	10	estimates, plural, for 2012/2013 to \$2.97/\$2.82
11	decline during the class period?	11	from \$3.07/\$3.29 previously. In addition, we are
12	A. By the end of the class period? I believe it had	12	lowering our valuation range to \$15-\$18 from
13	declined.	13	\$18-\$22 previously to reflect our revised fair
14	Q. Over the life of the class period.	14	value estimates of \$17.26."
15	A. If you'd like me to look at the data with regards	15	And the quotation is from there is a footnote
16	to the prices of those trusts, I'll be happy to look at it	16	at the end of that. Footnote number 122 "Lowering
17	to answer your question.	17	Estimates and Valuation on Updated Type Curve," by Gordon
18	Q. You can. What I'm trying to get at is what work	18	Douthat, D-O-U-T-H-A-T, et al., Wells Fargo, analyst
19	did you perform to determine whether or not over the class	19	report, November 19, 2012.
20	period the valuation of the trust moved or was relied	20	And I'm happy to read the rest of the quotes into
21	heavily depended heavily on the oil production from the	21	the record if you would like.
22	trust. Did you perform any analysis? I didn't see it in	22	Q. You don't have to. You can refer to the page.
23	your report.	23	Whatever is convenient for you. I understand. The
24	A. Again, I refer to my previous answer about the	24	lengthy quote you just recited, that's not your work,



review of voluminous material that discussed the impact of 25 correct? That's the work of Wells Fargo?

Page 22 Page 24 1 A. It's an observation by Wells Fargo, yes. 1 A. Right. My report is labeled Exhibit 1. 2 Q. Yeah, and --2 Q. What page were you looking at? Just so I... A. It's work done by Wells Fargo. It informed my 3 A. This is page 89. 3 4 4 Q. Page 89. And Documents Considered actually 5 Q. So it's work by Wells Fargo describing their 5 begins a page earlier on 87, correct? 6 A. Actually I -- did you say 87? 6 opinion of the valuation of the trust securities, correct? Q. 87. 7 A. That is correct. 7 8 Q. And my question for you was -- not trying to 8 A. Correct. Yes, that is correct. 9 trick you here. I'm just trying to understand which of 9 Q. And so then that runs -- this Documents 10 your statements are reflective of work you performed. You 10 Considered section runs through page 96, correct? 11 can look at the registration statement for the 11 A. That is correct. Mississippian Trust I and the company states that the 12 Q. And does -- does that Exhibit 2 reflect all the 12 13 future production will reflect value. 13 documents you considered and relied upon in forming your 14 A. Right --14 15 15 Q. These statements here reflect others' opinions of A. I believe that is correct. value. I'm just trying to figure out what you did versus 16 16 Q. There are no additional documents you looked at? 17 what you read and just relied upon. 17 A. Not that I recall as I sit here today. 18 A. Well, so my understanding of what you consider 18 Q. Did you review each of the documents listed on analysis has nothing to do with reviewing documentation 19 Exhibit 2 of your report? 19 A. Did I individually review each of those 20 and forming your own opinions. When I think of analysis 20 documents? I reviewed or people at my instruction 21 or performing analysis, one of the things I would do would 21 be to review things like the registration statements, 22 22 reviewed those documents. things like analyst reports, and form an opinion based on 23 23 Q. So you were part of the team that you mentioned 24 my understanding of what I've read. I consider that to be 24 before, that reviewed each of those documents? 25 analysis. 25 A. Well, I wouldn't say I was part of the team. I Page 23 Page 25 1 If you want to put a different definition on would say --1 2 analysis, I'd be happy to adopt that definition. But my 2 Q. Fair. 3 understanding of analysis would be to review work, 3 A. -- I'd be the team leader. 4 possibly perform additional research. Because I believe 4 O. Yes. 5 reading is research. And now I could answer a different 5 A. But yes, that would be correct. 6 question for you. 6 Q. Fair point. We just talked about a moment ago 7 Q. And I'm happy to use your definition. What I'm that you accepted the Wells Fargo report as being a true just trying to do is get that language established so I and accurate reflection of a valuation of the Trust I 8 8 9 understand when you say what you've done, I know what you 9 securities ---10 mean. 10 A. Well, sorry to interrupt you. Could you read my 11 So I take it, then, you accepted Wells Fargo's 11 testimony upon that because I'm not sure that's exactly 12 statements here and their analysis as accurate and fair 12 what I stated. 13 and relied upon it? 13 THE COURT REPORTER: At which point? 14 14 A. I believe that is correct. MR. WORD: I can go back to where it is. I can 15 Q. And did you also read the registration statement 15 point you back to which line it is. for Trust I and Trust II in this case? THE COURT REPORTER: When he asked you that 16 16 17 17 A. As I sit here, I don't recall. So... earlier or...? 18 Q. I probably should have gone to that part first. 18 THE WITNESS: Mm-hm. 19 A. I believe I did, but let me just double check. 19 MR. WORD: Yeah. 20 20 Q. Sure. THE WITNESS: Yes. Sorry. I know I need to be 21 A. I'm looking now at Documents Considered. This is 21 verbal. Exhibit 2 to my report which is Exhibit 1. It appears 22 22 THE COURT REPORTER: He did ask you if "you 23 that I did review the registration statements. 23 accepted Wells Fargo's statements here and their analysis



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Q. And as you mentioned, you're looking at Exhibit 2

of your report which is labeled as Exhibit 1, correct?

as accurate, fair, and relied upon it," and you said, "I

believe that is correct."

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1	A. No.	1	A. Or if someone could just bring a pitcher to me,
2	Q. Did you ask for any information from plaintiffs'	2	that would be great. Thank you.
3	counsel?	3	Q. Yeah. We got plenty. Just keep it off camera.
4	A. I may have asked for legal documents in this	4	A. Thank you.
5	case. I suppose I'm sure I asked for the complaint.	5	Q. Sure.
6	But other than that, nothing that I recall.	6	MR. WORD: Larry, you want one?
7	Q. So, for example, your citation to legal cases,	7	MR. ROSEN: No, thank you.
8	that's something that you and your staff put together?	8	BY MR. WORD:
9	A. That is correct.	9	Q. We're going to switch gears and talk more general
10	Q. You mentioned before that you had most of the	10	about the case. Can you tell me what you understand
11	academic and professional literature at your fingertips or	11	SandRidge Energy to be?
12	available?	12	A. "SandRidge Energy described itself" and I
13	A. Correct.	13	should point out I'm quoting from page 7 of my report.
14	Q. That's because you've done this before, this sort	14	"Described itself as an oil and natural gas developer and
15	of analysis, right?	15	producer, with 'significant holdings in West Texas'"
16	A. I have been asked to opine on market efficiency	16	where both west and Texas are capitalized "and the
17	and whether or not a damage model can be used to calculate	17	Mid-Continent" where, again, both "mid" and
18	damages on a securities class action, yes.	18	"continent" are capitalized "'area of Oklahoma and
19	Q. How many times have you been asked to do that,	19	Kansas.' The Mid-Continent area of Oklahoma and Kansas
20	perform that work?	20	contain the Mississippian formations where SandRidge began
21	A. As an expert?	21	drilling horizontal wells in 2009."
22	Q. Yes, as an expert.	22	Q. Is it fair to say that at the time of 2011-2012
23	A. So we're talking about market efficiency,	23	SandRidge Energy was a large oil and natural gas developer
24	correct?	24	and producer?
25	Q. Correct. Market efficiency. And that might be	25	A. What do you mean by "fair"?
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1	both in the class context and the damage context.	1	Q. Do you believe that in 2011-2012 Sandridge was
2	A. Damage context as well?	2	considered a large oil and natural gas developer and
3	Q. Yes. How many times have you evaluated market	3	producer?
4	efficiency as an expert?	4	A. It describes itself as an oil and natural gas
5	A. As an expert. At least 22 times.	5	developer and producer with significant holdings in West
6	Q. I take it that's an approximation based upon your	6	Texas and the Mid-Continent areas of Oklahoma and Kansas.
7	review of your report, right?	7	Q. Do you know the scope of SandRidge Energy's
8	A. Correct. I'm looking at my vitae here. I	8	holdings in those areas?
9	believe there may be one or two cases that I have opined	9	A. I believe the holdings were significant.
10	upon that aren't listed here. Since I submitted this	10	Q. Would you consider SandRidge Energy to be a
11	report. There was a case against Theranos which went to	11	significant oil and natural gas developer and producer?
12	damages. A securities case against K12 which is an	12	A. I believe they believe they had significant
13	educational company.	13	holdings in West Texas and the Mid-Continent areas of
14	Q. I'm familiar with that one.	14	Oklahoma and Kansas.
15	A. Does that mean I'll be seeing you next week?	15	Q. And you have no opinion on whether they were a
16	Q. Not me.	16	significant oil and gas producer?
17	A. There might be one other I'm missing.	17	A. I haven't formed an opinion on that.
18	Q. It's certainly fair to say more than 20	18	Q. Okay. SandRidge was a public company, correct?
19	A. Yes, that	19	A. That is my understanding.
20	Q times you've opined as an expert on market	20	Q. They issued common stock?
21	efficiency?	21	A. That is my understanding.
22	A. Correct.	22	Q. Do you know how many wells SandRidge Energy
23	Q. Sorry. Stilted question.	23	operated in 2011-2012?
24	A. Do you mind if I get some more water?	24	A. Not as I sit here today.
25	Q. Oh, sure.	25	Q. Okay. Do you have an idea of whether it's a



Page 34 Page 36 1 large number, small number of wells? 100? More than 100? 1 Q. That statement does speak for itself. I agree. 2 A. If I had to guess, I would say it was more than 2 But in your opinion, you've studied Trust I, looked at its 3 3 news reports, looked at its public filings, looked at a 100. 4 Q. I don't -- you don't need to guess. That's fine. 4 host of documents, do you have an understanding of what 5 A. Well, for instance, I'm looking at here the 5 Trust I is? 6 discussion of the Trust I, and it says "37 horizontal 6 A. Yeah, it pays off based on performance of a 7 wells were already producing oil and natural gas," and so 7 certain number of wells and how those wells perform in that was just part of the trust. So I would expect that 8 regards to production of oil and natural gas. the company as a whole probably had more than 100 wells. 9 Q. How was Trust I organized? 9 10 Q. When you say "the company as a whole," what do 10 A. Can you define "organized"? 11 11 Q. Is Trust I a corporation? 12 12 A. I believe it was a trust. A. I mean, well, obviously, here I'm talking about the trust, but I mean SandRidge Energy because that's what 13 13 Q. What does it mean to be a trust? 14 you're asking about. 14 MR. ROSEN: Objection. Calls for a legal Q. Right. SandRidge Energy and -- strike that. 15 15 conclusion. SandRidge Energy and Trust I are separate 16 16 THE WITNESS: To the extent I don't have a law entities, correct? 17 17 degree, I couldn't tell you. 18 A. I believe that's correct. 18 BY MR. WORD: 19 19 Q. And Trust I wells are not included in the count Q. How about just on your economic experience -- you 20 20 of SandRidge Energy wells, correct? can just differentiate between different types of 21 21 A. As I sit here, I don't know. But I imagine at organizations -- a public company versus a trust. 22 one point they were since the trusts were spun off from A. Well, the problem is there are -- there are many 22 SandRidge Energy. different types of trusts. 23 23 24 24 Q. Okay. At the time of Trust I after -- strike Q. And what kind of trust is this? 25 that. 25 A. It's a type of trust that -- where revenues are Page 35 Page 37 1 tied to production from these wells. After the time of the creation of Trust I, were 2 Trust I wells included in SandRidge Energy's well count? 2 Q. Do you have anything else you can add about your understanding of what Trust I is other than that 3 A. I don't know as I sit here today. 3 4 Q. What was SandRidge Mississippian Trust I? 4 statement? A. "According to the offering documents" -- and, 5 5 A. Well, I would refer to my previous statements as 6 again, I'm reading from page 7 of my report -- "Trust I 6 well. 7 would pay its unitholders a quarterly cash distribution 7 Q. Your quotation of paragraph 12 of your report? equal to the net proceeds that Trust I received from the A. Well, I believe there was additional information 8 8 9 9 sale of oil and natural gas produced from the wells in if you read back my testimony. 10 which Trust I had a royalty interest. The Trust I 10 Q. Okay. We'll look back at it. I think you just 11 offering documents estimated that the wells in which 11 read paragraph 12. Okay. Trust I had a royalty interest had Proved Reserves" --12 A. Would you like to read back my testimony after my 12 reading of -- what was it? -- paragraph 12? 13 where "proved reserves" is capitalized -- of approximately 13 19.3 million barrels of oil equivalent ("MMBoe"), which Q. I'll go back and look at it later. I don't need 14 14 15 consisted of 48.4 percent oil and 51.6 percent natural 15 to waste your time to do that. 16 gas." 16 A. You sure? We can do it now. 17 Q. Yeah, I can go back and read it later. 17 (Court reporter clarification.) THE WITNESS: Natural gas. 18 18 19 (Court reporter clarification.) 19 Q. What was trust -- excuse me. What was SandRidge THE WITNESS: Oh, 51.6. 20 Mississippian Trust II? Or what is SandRidge 20 21 Mississippian Trust II? 21 BY MR. WORD: 22 Q. My understanding of that statement describes what 22 A. "SandRidge Energy" -- and I'm reading from page 8 23 Trust I does. But what is SandRidge Mississippian 23 of my report now -- "conveyed a royalty interest in 24 24 Trust I? How would you describe it? certain of its Mississippian horizontal wells to Trust A. I think the statement speaks for itself. 25 II's in exchange for the proceeds from an initial public 25



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1	Q. Correct.	1	Q. What's the difference between units and common
2	A. I believe that is correct.	2	stock?
3	Q. Fair.	3	A. You know, as I sit here today, I don't recall.
4	A. Can we take a break?	4	Q. Do units issued by Trust I or Trust II have
5	Q. Yeah, that's fine.	5	special tax considerations different than common stock?
6	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going off the	6	A. I believe they do, but as I sit here today, I
7	record, and the time is 10:39 a.m.	7	don't recall.
8	(Recess taken.)	8	Q. Did Trust I and Trust II units provide for the
9	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going back on the	9	issuance of dividends?
10	record, and the time is 10:46 a.m.	10	A. I believe dividends were paid. The distributions
11	BY MR. WORD:	11	were paid as dividends, but let me let me make sure
12	Q. Sir, do you understand that Mississippian Trust I	12	that was, in fact, the case, because as I sit here, I
13	and Mississippian Trust II are comprised of different oil	13	don't recall.
14	wells?	14	Again, I believe the distributions were
15	A. I believe that is correct.	15	dividends, but as I sit here, I don't recall.
16	Q. Do you understand that the results of Trust I do	16	Q. Well, how about we refer to them as
17	not depend upon the results of Trust II?	17	distributions; is that fair?
18	A. I believe that is correct.	18	A. That's fair.
19	Q. Do you also understand that the results of	19	Q. Do you understand that Trust I and Trust II
20	Trust I do not depend upon results of SandRidge Energy?	20	issued distributions to unitholders?
21	A. I haven't thought about that. I would need to	21	A. I believe that is correct.
22	think about that more.	22	Q. Do you understand that a portion of those
23	Q. And I assume the same would be with respect to	23	distributions reflect a return of capital?
24	Trust II and SandRidge Energy?	24	A. As I sit here today, I don't recall one way or
25	A. That is correct.	25	the other. Let me ask a clarifying question. What do you
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1	Q. Do you understand that SandRidge Energy does not	1	mean by return of capital?
2	operate all of the wells in Trust I?	2	Q. As described in the registration statements for
3	A. I don't have an understanding one way or the	3	Trust I and Trust II units, the trusts indicate that their
4	other as I sit here today.	4	distributions will be considered a return of capital. Do
5	Q. Do you know whether other companies operate wells	5	you have an understanding of what that means?
6	included in Trust I?	6	A. If I could look at the registration statement, I
7	A. I do not.	7	would have a better understanding of what that means.
8	Q. Do you know whether SandRidge Energy operates all	8	Q. Let's do that. Good thing we didn't mark that
9	of the wells included in Trust II?	9	one.
10	A. I'm sorry. Could you repeat the question?	10	A. In the meantime, do you want to establish a
11	Q. Do you know whether SandRidge Energy operates all	11	definition of return of capital as you understand it?
12	of the wells included in Trust II?	12	Q. That might be easier.
13	A. As I sit here today, I do not.	13	A. Oh, I'd still like to see the
14	Q. Do you know any other the companies that operate	14	Q. Okay.
15	wells included in Trust II?	15	A registration statement.
16	A. As I sit here today, I do not.	16	Q. Yeah.
17	Q. When I say "trusts," I assume you understand I'm	17	A. But in the meantime
18	meaning Trust I and II together if I slip up and don't	18	Q. And I'm also saying it may take me a second to
19	mention both. The plural refers to both SandRidge	19	find where they say that in the registration statement.
20	Mississippian Trust I and Sandridge Mississippian Trust	20	It's a lengthy document.
21	II; is that fair?	21	My understanding of return of capital in the
22	A. That's fair.	22	context of the registration statement is it suggests that
23	Q. Do you understand that the trusts did not issue	23	if you purchase a unit issued in the offering, you will
24	common stock?	24	pay capital in. For example, you'll pay \$21 for that
25	A. I believe the trusts issued units.	25	unit. The distributions over time are intended to repay a



Case 5:15-cv-00634-SLP Document 202-17 Filed 06/01/18 Page 9 of 24 Page 52 Page 50 unitholder that \$21 initial outlay. That's how I'm using analysis and value that stock in the same way. 1 2 the phrase "return of capital." Is that fair? 2 Q. Would you value the trust units by performing a 3 3 A. That's fair. DCF analysis? 4 4 A. That would be one way to do it. (Court reporter clarification.) 5 MR. WORD: To repay that initial capital 5 Q. Is it your understanding --6 6 A. I'm sorry. Let me clarify. And when you say contribution. "DCF analysis," are you speaking of a DCF analysis of the 7 BY MR. WORD: 7 8 Q. Still the same? 8 expected cash flows, of expected dividend or 9 distributions? 9 A. Maybe. 10 10 Q. Let me -- my understanding of return to capital, Q. Yes, of expected distributions. 11 as I'm using that term, refers to the initial contribution 11 A. That would be one way to do it. of \$21 to purchase a unit in one of the trusts, and that 12 Q. Okay. And your answer is the same with that 12 13 distributions over time are intended to repay that initial 13 clarification? 14 capital contribution. Is that a fair description of -- or 14 A. Correct. 15 15 can we agree that that's a definition of return of Q. Do you have an understanding of whether there's 16 16 an expectation that distributions will increase or capital? 17 A. I believe that's how you defined return of 17 decrease over the life of the trust? 18 capital. 18 A. Expectation by who? 19 Q. The market. 19 Q. And with that definition in mind, do you 20 understand that the distributions issued by Trust I and 20 A. To the extent that if the market does have 21 Trust II were intended to provide a portion of a return of 21 expectations about an increase or decrease that will be 22 22 capital? reflected or should be reflected in the current price of 23 23 A. I, again, would need to look at the registration 24 24 statement to verify that. Q. Did SandRidge Mississippian Trust I disclose to 25 Q. I've got it. Exhibit 2 is the registration 25 potential investors and investors that distributions would Page 51 Page 53 statement for SandRidge Mississippian Trust I. 1 1 decrease over time? 2 I'm going to use my time more effectively on a 2 A. As I sit here today, I don't recall. 3 break and find that phrase for you. We can move on, and Q. Would you expect that a trust -- excuse me. A 3 4 I'll come back to that question if that's all right with 4 royalty trust predicated on oil wells would decline in 5 you? 5 value over time? 6 6 (Exhibit 2 marked.) A. Again, it's possible. 7 A. Sure. 7 Q. But you don't have an expectation that that's what would happen? 8 Q. Okay. Do investors have -- strike that. 8 9 9 Let's mark this as Exhibit Number 3. Sir, do you A. I'd have to think about it more. 10 have an understanding of how the market values trust units 10 Q. And so far you have not considered for the 11 as compared to stock? 11 12 12 behaves differently than common stock, correct? (Exhibit 3 marked.) 13 A. I'm not quite sure what differentiation you're 13 A. I'm not sure what you mean by behaves. 14 speaking of. 14 Q. Have you previously performed in any of the more 15 Q. Are you aware of any? Are there any 15 than 20 times you've testified as an expert on market 16 16

differentiations between trusts and common stock with respect to how the market values them?

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A. It's possible that the marketplace is more -more emphasis in terms of its valuation on the dividends associated with the trust because that's the main generator of income. And to the extent that it -- as you stated before, it was returning capital as part of that, that's probably how they valued those.

But at the same time, I mean, if you talk about a stock, theoretically you should be able to do a DCF

- purpose of your opinions today whether or not a trust unit
- efficiency an event study with respect to a trust unit?
- A. As I sit here today, I don't recall. And even 17 looking at my Exhibit 1 to my Exhibit 1 I wouldn't be able 18 to tell you as I sit here today. 20
- Q. Looking at Exhibit 2 to your report which is Exhibit 1, which of your papers, publications, and presentations involved evaluating whether trust units 22 trade in an efficient market?
- 24 A. Well, it seems that your question is predicated on that market efficiency for stocks and trust units are 25



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Case 5:15-cv-00634-SLP Document 202-17 Filed 06/01/18 Page 10 of 24 Page 54 Page 56 somehow different so I don't understand the question. 1 market efficiencies that we can look at. In terms of 1 2 2 Q. Do you believe that market efficiency is court cases, the court sets up certain criterions, and I 3 3 different for stocks and trust units? report on those criterions and they determine based on my 4 A. That's something I'd have to think about. 4 findings and possibly findings of other people whether or 5 Q. And to date you have not thought about whether not they believe that stock is traded in an efficient market. Trust -- sorry. Stock or unit. 6 market efficiency for stocks and trust units is different? 6 7 7 A. Well, I believe the courts use the same criterion So I don't -- I just don't -- confused by your 8 in determining whether stocks or trust units are traded in question about the distinction between when you're talking 9 about market efficiency for a unit versus market 9 efficient markets. So to the extent the courts look at 10 them the same way... 10 efficiency for a common stock. 11 Q. You're not a lawyer, right? 11 Q. And that's -- might be all the answer I need is A. I think we've established that. 12 you have not evaluated or determined whether or not you 12 13 Q. So as an economist do you have an opinion on that 13 need to make any adjustments to your event study because 14 question? 14 the security you were studying was a trust as opposed to a 15 common stock other than accounting for dividends. 15 A. Could you re-read the question, please. (The record was read back by the reporter as 16 16 A. Well, again, that distinction is between trust 17 follows: "QUESTION: And to date you have not 17 units and non-dividend paying stocks. I would need to 18 thought about whether market efficiency for 18 think about whether or not I would need to make any other 19 types of alterations for the fact that I was looking at a 19 stocks and trust units is different?") unit trust as opposed to a common -- but when you say 20 THE WITNESS: I just don't understand the 20 21 21 question. market efficiency, are you talking about an event study? 22 22 BY MR. WORD: 23 Would I make changes to my criterion? 23 Q. Do you believe performing a market efficiency a 24 So we're talking about Cammer factors one through 24 valuation of trust units would be different than 25 performing that same analysis for common stock? 25 four or the Krogman factors -- if you want to call them Page 57 Page 55 Krogman factors -- one through three. Are you asking if I A. Who am I performing that market efficiency 1 1 2 analysis for? 2 3 3 a trust unit as opposed to a common stock? Q. In this case. You performed a -- let's say --4 you performed an event study in this case, correct? 4 Q. I'm only asking with respect to the efficient 5 A. That is correct. market examination. When you're conducting that 5 6 6 examination under Kramer factor five of whether or not --Q. And you performed that event study based on trust 7 7 units, correct? A. I'm sorry. You mean Cammer factor five? 8 Q. Yes, correct. Sorry. 8 A. That is correct. 9 9 A. Is that Cramer like Jim Cramer factor five? Q. Did you make any alterations to your event study 10 analysis because the security you were examining was a 10 Q. One of those two. 11 trust unit rather than common stock? 11 A. Okay. All right. Sorry. I didn't mean to 12 A. To my event study analysis? To the extent that 12 interrupt. A moment of levity. 13 I've looked at non-dividend paying stocks, yeah, I haven't 13 Q. So back to my question. Which of your papers, publications, and presentations involved evaluating included dividends and non-dividend paying stocks. So I 14 14 15 had to adjust for the distributions in this analysis. So 15 whether trust units trade in an efficient market? 16 I suppose that would be different. 16

- O. The only -- the only difference you made in your analysis is accounting for dividends being paid on the trust units?
- A. No, it's possible I made other differences, but I don't understand your question. And I'm not trying to be difficult.
- Q. No, I understand.

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A. We're talking about market efficiency. And so as 24 an economist, right, there are three different types of 25

So are you asking would I make changes to my event study?

would need to adjust those somehow because I'm looking at

- A. As I sit here, I don't recall.
- 17 Q. And which of the matters listed on page 79 of your report, Exhibit 2, under Expert Reports and Testimony 18 19 involved you offering an opinion on trust units and 20 whether they trade in an efficient market?
 - A. I don't recall as I sit here.
 - Q. Which of your engagements listed on page 83 of your report involve you evaluating whether trust units trade in an efficient market?
 - A. As I sit here, I don't recall.



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- Q. Which of the documents listed on Exhibit 2 to your report under Academic and Professional Literature discuss evaluating whether trust units trade in an efficient market?
- A. Again, I'm having difficulty with your question because you're making it sound as if trust units are these bizarre securities that are somehow different than equities. Is that what you're maintaining? And so that the test for market efficiency would be different?

I'm asked to test for market efficiency based on criteria set up by the court. I perform that whether I'm looking at equities or common units. I may -- I mean, I'm just answering what the court asked me to put forward.

- Q. And I'm asking a very, very simple question. It's --
- A. Well, okay. I disagree it's a simple question.
- 17 Q. Okay. Well --

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- 18 A. Because you can't define for me what you mean by market efficiency. If you mean market efficiency in terms 19 of what the court is talking about, that's one thing. If 20 21 you're talking about market efficiency with regards to 22 academia, that's a different thing.
- Q. Well, then, let me make it even simpler. Let's 23 eliminate that term --24
- 25 A. Well, okay, again --

Fargo, as the earlier report you quoted in your report, 1 2

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- A. Could you refer back to the earlier answer?
- 4 Q. Page 92 of your report cites to in footnote 122 that Wells Fargo analyst report --
- A. I'm sorry. Page 92 of my report? 6
 - Q. Oh, I'm sorry. Page 50, paragraph 92.
- 8 Apologize.
 - A. So now we're at paragraph 92?
 - Q. Paragraph 92, page 50. The first block quote with the footnote 122 is a statement from a Wells Fargo analyst report, right?
- 13 A. It is.
- 14 Q. And this is also a Wells Fargo analyst report, 15 right?
- 16 A. That is correct.
 - O. If you take a look at the fourth bullet on this
- 18 Wells Fargo analyst report which we've marked as
- 19 Exhibit 3. You see where it says "Yield Versus Discount
- 20 Rate -- Importantly Different"?
 - A. I do see that.
- 22 Q. Can you read that to yourself? I'd like to ask
- 23 you a couple questions about that. 24
 - A. Okay.
 - Q. Wells Fargo states in this report that unit

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- Q. Which of the documents listed under exhibit -- on Exhibit 1, your report, under Academic and Professional
- 3 Literature discuss evaluating trust units?
 - A. Without reviewing each one of these individual articles, I don't know. But if you have each one of those individual articles, I'd be happy to go through each one of them now.
 - Q. I wish we had that time.
 - A. Well, we have seven hours, right?
 - Q. I've got other things to cover. I think I can tell you that none of them do. But you can -- you can feel free. I mean, again, your -- plaintiffs' counsel can make arguments about what's contained in those academic reports.

I'm going to show you what we've marked as Exhibit 3. Have you seen Exhibit 3 before?

- A. I believe so.
- Q. Did you want to add to your answer? I think you said you believe so, but then you were checking your report.
- A. Oh, yes, I have reviewed.
- 22 Q. And this is a Wells Fargo analyst report from May
- 17, 2011, correct? 23
- 24 A. It appears to be.
- Q. And this is issued by the same entity, Wells 25

prices -- I'm sorry. Let me back up.

2 Wells Fargo states in this report that investors failed "to acknowledge that the distributions are likely 3 4 to fall over time," correct?

- A. I'm sorry. Where are you looking? 5
 - Q. I'm sorry. Still in that fourth bullet.
 - A. I'm just not --
- 8 Q. Yeah, sure.
 - A. -- seeing where you're reading that from.
- 10 Q. Yeah, sure. "We think that at times, buyers of
- 11 trusts bid the price up to a comparable and/or, quote,
- 12 'reasonable' yield, failing to acknowledge that the
- 13 distributions are likely to fall over time." Do you see
- 14 that sentence?
 - A. I do see that sentence.
 - Q. Do you agree with that sentence?
- 17 A. I believe that that's what they believe.
- Q. Do you believe that the distributions of Trust I 18
- 19 are likely to fall over time?
- 20 A. I'd have to think about that.
- 21 Q. Did you read any information in any of the
- 22 documents you reviewed regarding Sandridge Trust I in
 - which SandRidge Trust I disclosed that distributions would
- 24 decline over time?
- 25 A. As I sit here today, I don't recall.



Page 62 Page 64 1 Q. With stocks -- common stocks, that is, are 1 Q. Okay. Wells Fargo goes on to say that "unit 2 distributions or dividends likely to fall over time? 2 prices are also expected to decline over time." Do you 3 3 A. Define the term "likely." see that? 4 Q. Is there an expectation that over the life of a 4 A. Well, you're saying also, but they weren't 5 stock its distributions will decline over time? talking about equity prices, correct? 6 MR. ROSEN: All stocks? You're talking about all 6 Q. I'll read it again. "And that unit prices are 7 7 also, by definition, expected to decline over time." Unit stocks in the universe of equities? 8 THE WITNESS: Could you answer his question, 8 prices is referring to the trust unit price, correct? 9 A. Correct. But I believe your previous question 9 please? 10 BY MR. WORD: 10 was about equities, correct? 11 Q. You can answer and he can object. 11 Q. Yeah, that was the previous question. Each question is independent. So I'm asking you do you see 12 A. I can't answer the question without that 12 13 13 this quote and statement from Wells Fargo that unit prices clarification. 14 Q. You're not able to understand the words in the 14 are also, by definition, expected to decline over time? question I asked you, right? 15 15 A. I do see that statement. 16 A. Your question is overly broad. 16 Q. When you perform an event study for common stock, do you have an expectation that the security price will 17 Q. Wells Fargo is able to state a general opinion of 17 18 what happens with trusts, right? And I'm just trying to 18 decline over time? understand are you not as qualified as Wells Fargo to A. Again, overly broad. Do you have an example that 19 19 20 opine upon --20 you would like to give to me? 21 MR. ROSEN: Objection. 21 Q. Ever. Have you ever, when performing an event 22 study, created an event study with, in mind, that the 22 BY MR. WORD: 23 security price will decline over time? 23 Q. -- what can happen with trusts and their price 24 24 distributions? MR. ROSEN: What could that possibly have to do MR. ROSEN: What's your question? Would you give 25 25 with an event study? I can't believe you even asked that Page 65 Page 63 him a question? 1 1 question. 2 A. Could you re-read the question, please. 2 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I don't understand the 3 THE COURT REPORTER: Counsel came in with an 3 question. It doesn't make any sense. 4 objection before I was done with the question. BY MR. WORD: 5 MR. WORD: I can restate it, then. That's fine. 5 Q. Because you've never done it, right? You've 6 THE COURT REPORTER: It's the one with "is there 6 never performed an event study with a security that's 7 an expectation --7 expected to decline over time, right? A. I don't know one way or the other. What do you 8 THE WITNESS: Sure. I'd like to hear it again. 8 9 THE COURT REPORTER: -- "that over the life of a 9 mean I've never? I may have. You're saying the word 10 stock..." 10 "never." It's just a ridiculous question. It's overly 11 THE WITNESS: No, I'd like to hear it. 11 broad with the expectation that a security could decline 12 MR. WORD: I don't think she got it. 12 over time? Any security? Yeah. I probably have 13 THE COURT REPORTER: I just told her -- I just 13 performed an event study with the expectation that a told him that --14 14 security might decline over time. 15 THE WITNESS: Oh, you didn't get it. 15 Q. Not might. Will. You've told me and we've 16 MR. WORD: Yeah. 16 identified at least 22 times which you've appeared as an 17 THE COURT REPORTER: -- at the very end I wasn't 17 expert opining upon market efficiency. On any of those done and counsel came in with an objection. 18 18 occasions did you ever assume that the price of the 19 BY MR. WORD: 19 security would decline over time? 20 20 Q. Do you have an understanding of whether or not A. So in those cases -- and now we're being more common stocks carry an expectation that distributions will specific, correct? In those cases, 20 cases, did I go in 21 21 22 decline over time? 22 with the expectation that any of those stocks would 23 23 decline over time, no, I did not form an expectation about A. That common stocks? Do I have an understanding? 24 24 I don't have an understanding one way or the other. You'd whether or not those stocks would increase or decline over 25 25 need to be more specific. time in those event studies that I performed under the



Page 66 Page 68 guise of performing reports or submitting reports with 1 1 Q. I'll tell you the three steps. 2 regards to market efficiency and securities class actions. 2 A. Is that too difficult? Q. Perfect. It's not that hard. I'm not trying to 3 3 O. First --4 trick you. I'm just trying to understand --4 A. Please --5 A. Well ---5 Q. Identify dates --6 6 Q. -- what you have or have not done. A. Please show me in the report where I talk about 7 A. You say it's not that hard, but you're being very 7 three steps, and -vague. So if you want me to give you a precise answer, 8 Q. Take a look -you need to ask a precise question. 9 9 A. -- I'll be happy to look at it. 10 Q. Do you understand --10 Q. Take a look at your report under event study and 11 A. If I asked you -- if I said to you, is the sky 11 identify for me the steps you undertook to perform an blue or is the sky gray, well, it would depend on the day 12 12 event study. 13 of the week. If you say to me is the sky gray when it is A. Do you have a page number you're referring to? 13 14 raining, possibly. Do you assume that the sky is gray 14 Q. It's your report, sir. Can you find it or not? when it's raining? Possibly. 15 A. Well, there's many sections on event studies. 15 16 You need to be more precise in how you ask your 16 There's event studies of market efficiency. 17 question. You can ask your questions however you want, 17 Q. And find for me the section that discusses the 18 but if you want precise answers, you need to ask precise 18 steps to perform an event study. A. So you mean "The first step of a proper event 19 questions. 19 Q. Did you have an understanding that Trust I unit 20 study -- and, again, I'm looking at page 39 -- "is to 20 prices were expected to decline over time? 21 21 identify the events to be tested." 22 Q. Right. Let's stop right there. We can lead with 22 A. As I sit here today, I don't recall. Q. Did you make any account for an expectation that 23 23 that one. unit prices of Trust I securities would decline over time 24 24 A. That would be step one. 25 in your event study? 25 Q. In step one did you make any account for the fact Page 67 Page 69 A. In what part of my event study? that the Trust I unit prices were expected to decline over 1 2 Q. Any part. 2 time? 3 A. Well, that's overly vague. 3 A. As I sit here today, I don't believe so. 4 Q. You know what your event study is, right? 4 Q. Next step? A. Well, I don't know if you mean -- when you say 5 A. I do know what my event study is. 5 6 Q. And you performed three steps for your event 6 steps, are you referring to reviewing news media? 7 7 Q. I think you've helpfully referred to them by study, right? A. I don't know. What were those three steps? 8 numbers. One was identifying of dates. Two, market model 8 Q. Well, again, I'll quote from your report because on page 43. 9 9 10 I think you're the one who wrote it and should know it 10 A. Okay. better than me, but I will help you. First --11 11 Q. In conducting your market model, did you account A. I'm sorry. Look --12 for the fact that the Trust I units were expected to 12 13 MR. ROSEN: Let him ask the question. 13 decline in value over time? 14 BY MR. WORD: 14 MR. ROSEN: Conduct? What do you mean by conducting your market model? Can you explain what you 15 Q. You're making this unnecessarily difficult. 15 A. Well, you're being argumentative. mean by conducting a market model? 16 16 17 MR. ROSEN: Let him ask the question. 17 BY MR. WORD: 18 Q. You performed -- you constructed a market model 18 BY MR. WORD: 19 Q. You're asking me which steps of your report. You 19 for your event study, correct? 20 A. What do you mean by constructed? 20 wrote the report. 21 A. You're right. Well, you're saying three steps. 21 Q. Did you use a market model in connection with Do you want to point to the paragraph where I discuss the 22 22 your event study? 23 23 A. I believe that is correct. three steps? 24 24 Q. I can tell you the three steps. Q. And how did you use a market model in connection A. That's all you need to do. 25 with your event study? 25



Page 70 Page 72 1 A. I used it to estimate what I believe the trust --1 correct? 2 2 the different trust prices would have been. A. That's what I was asked to do, correct. 3 3 Q. And in your market model did you account for the O. And what makes a market -- excuse me. What makes 4 fact that Trust I units were expected to decline over 4 a market efficient? 5 time? 5 A. In what context? 6 6 A. As I sit here today, I don't believe so. Q. In this context of you saying you're testing the 7 efficiency of the markets. Q. In your market model did you account for the fact 7 that Trust II units were expected to decline in value over 8 8 A. So you're saying in a court case? Q. You say you're testing the efficiency of the 9 9 time? 10 10 markets, right? A. I don't believe so. 11 Q. The third step is the t-test step on page 47. 11 A. So you -- for the purposes of this report, yes, 12 that's what I stated. 12 13 Q. You conducted a t-test in your event study, 13 Q. And what do you mean you're testing the 14 correct? 14 efficiency of the markets? 15 A. I'm testing it or doing analysis that analyzes 15 A. I performed a series of t-tests, correct. Q. And for each t-test that you performed, did you eight different factors with regards to -- factors that 16 16 consider that the trust units would decline over time in courts often use as indicators or inform their opinion 17 17 18 value? 18 about whether or not stocks trade in an efficient market. 19 Q. With respect to the two empirical tests you've 19 A. As I sit here today, that would be something I would need to think about as to how it would affect my described you're testing -- that's a bad question. 20 20 The empirical tests that you're performing in 21 21 Q. But thus far you have not done that analysis? 22 this section of your report, are they intended to 22 A. I believe that is correct. 23 determine whether or not disclosure of new 23 24 company-specific information is quickly incorporated into 24 Q. Your Cammer Factor 5 analysis focuses on two sets 25 of empirical tests of the efficiency of the market for 25 the Trust I and Trust II unit prices? Page 71 Page 73 Trust I and II, correct? 1 A. I'm sorry. Are you reading from my report? 1 2 A. I'm sorry. Could you read the question back, 2 Q. No, I wasn't. 3 A. Could you repeat the question, please. 3 4 (The record was read back by the reporter as 4 (The record was read back by the reporter as 5 follows: "QUESTION: Your Cammer Factor 5 follows: "QUESTION: The empirical tests that you 5 6 analysis focuses on two sets of empirical tests 6 performed in this section of your report, are 7 of the efficiency of the market for Trust I and 7 they intended to determine whether or not disclosure of new company-specific information is 8 II, correct?") 8 9 quickly incorporated into the Trust I and THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I just don't understand 9 Trust II unit prices?") 10 the question. 10 THE WITNESS: With the caveat that "quickly" can 11 BY MR. WORD: 11 Q. What were you attempting to evaluate in section 5 12 be different across different sets of stocks, yes. Or 12 13 13 on page 32 of your report? in -- I shouldn't say different sets of stocks. In A. Whether or not the stock reacted to new news. different situations the answer is yes. 14 14 15 Q. On paragraph 64 you describe two sets of 15 BY MR. WORD: empirical tests of the efficiency of the markets for 16 16 Q. And did you perform an event study to determine SandRidge Trust I common units and Sandridge Trust II 17 17 whether the market for the trust units was efficient or common units during the class period, correct? 18 18 A. My event study informed my opinion as to whether 19 A. I'm sorry. What paragraph? 19 20 20 or not the stock traded in an efficient market. But, Q. 64, sorry. A. That is correct. 21 again, these are criterion set up by the court, not 21 22 Q. And my question for you first is what is an 22 academic criterion. 23 efficient market? 23 Q. Is the purpose of your event study to determine A. In what context? 24 whether disclosure of new company-specific information 24 25 about the trust was quickly incorporated into their unit 25 Q. You're testing the efficiency of the markets,



Page 76 Page 74 1 prices? 1 A. I believe I may have opined upon that in 2 A. I refer to my previous answer. 2 deposition. 3 O. Which previous one? 3 Q. Do you believe testifying in court is different 4 A. The one to the question you asked me two 4 than testifying in deposition? questions ago. 5 5 A. That calls for a legal conclusion. Q. Can you restate it? 6 6 Q. Well, as to your understanding. I mean, do you 7 A. Could you re-read his question two questions ago 7 think that your oath is any less valid here today than it 8 and then restate my answer, please. 8 would be in a court of law? MR. WORD: You don't need to. I can go back and 9 9 A. No. 10 look at it. It's now part of the record. So... 10 Q. Okay. I didn't think you did. I just wanted to 11 BY MR. WORD: 11 make sure. 12 Q. Do you have an expectation of the type of new 12 A. Thank God you clarified it. 13 company-specific information that you would expect to have 13 Q. Yeah, I know. A lot of times we tell our young 14 a price impact on the price of the trust units? 14 attorneys to start with that. A. In this matter? 15 A. And you've been practicing for how long? 15 16 Q. Yes. This matter. 16 Q. Not long enough evidently. 17 A. Do I have an expectation? Well, again, quoting 17 A. Okay. 18 the -- going back to the original Wells Fargo report I 18 Q. In an efficient market, when would you expect to quoted, I believe that production with regards to oil and 19 19 see -- strike that. gas and the percentage distribution of those things are 20 20 In an efficient market how quickly would you expect to see a price impact from the disclosure of new 21 certainly going to affect the value of the trust and might 21 22 impact the stock price -- or the unit price. 22 company-specific information? 23 Q. Are there types of information that would have 23 A. Again, it would depend upon the information, the a -- that one would expect to have a quicker impact on equity or the asset involved. There's a whole host of 24 24 25 price than others? 25 things that would go into that. Page 75 Page 77 A. What do you mean by quicker? 1 Q. For some types of information it could be minutes 1 2 Q. How long -- for purposes of your event study, 2 or hours and others it might be days; is that fair? 3 A. Again, I need to think about that. what is the period of time over which you evaluated price 3 4 4 Q. You didn't think about it for purposes of changes? 5 5 A. Price changes relative to what? rendering your opinions today in your report? 6 6 A. It's certainly something I considered, but you're Q. Did your -- does your event study examine the asking a broad range of questions and so to the extent 7 price impact of various disclosures over a one-day time 7 that there are all sorts of things, factors that one might 8 period? 8 9 9 need to consider in answering that question, I haven't A. I believe that is correct. 10 Q. Are there certain types of information that are 10 fully considered all of those. 11 more likely or less likely to have a price impact over a 11 Q. Did you consider how quickly Trust I or Trust II 12 unit prices should reflect disclosures of new 12 single day? 13 A. That's something I need to consider or think 13 company-specific information? A. What do you mean by "how quickly"? 14 about. 14 15 Q. Have you ever before testified with respect to 15 Q. How quickly. A day? Did you consider whether or not Trust I securities should react to information within 16 the types of information that one might expect to have a 16 17 quicker price impact? 17 one day to be an efficient market? A. As I sit here today, I don't recall. I believe I 18 18 A. Well, I think to the extent that I looked at 19 have had conversations with regards to that, but I don't 19 one-day returns, the implicit assumption is that the stock 20 or in this case units, would react to information within a 20 recall them as I sit here today. Q. Do you recall testifying to that topic? 21 21 day. 22 A. Defining -- define "testify." 22 Q. And that's the same with regard to both stock --23 Q. Took an oath sat in a chair. Spoke. 23 excuse me -- both trust securities? A. So including depositions? 24 A. I believe that is correct. 24 Q. Mm-hm. 25 25 Q. Should one expect disclosure of company



Page 82 Page 84 information at the time. To the extent that people might has no impact on the stock price, correct? 1 1 2 2 update their beliefs about that information or it might A. If all investors made that decision, I believe inform their opinions in terms of performing analyses, 3 3 that is correct. 4 they might later arrive at an opinion that changes their 4 Q. So what I'm trying to understand is whether you understanding of what the equity or in this case unit 5 5 believe information about Trust I or Trust II can have б trust might be worth. And, thus, it might result in a 6 more than a one-day price impact? Have you formed an 7 7 price decline or a price change later on so not on the opinion on that? exact day of the information release. There's not an 8 A. Again, I don't understand -- I'm sorry. I'm not expectation that the market is a hundred percent accurate, 9 9 trying to be difficult. 10 I guess, is what I'm trying to say. 10 Q. I understand. 11 Q. I agree. Did your event study test whether or 11 A. I don't understand the question. Maybe re-read not there were price reactions after the day of disclosure 12 12 it? in relation to disclosure of new information? 13 13 THE COURT REPORTER: All right. Yes? 14 A. I don't understand your question. 14 MR. WORD: I'll form another one. Sorry. Q. You just described for me a situation in which 15 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. 15 the stock price could move later after the day of 16 16 BY MR. WORD: disclosure in reaction to news, correct? 17 17 Q. Do you have an opinion on how quickly new 18 A. Could you re-read the question, please. 18 material information about Trust I or Trust II caused a (The record was read back by the reporter as 19 19 reaction in the unit prices? follows: "QUESTION: You just described for me a A. Again, I believe that the implicit assumption is 20 20 situation in which the stock price could move that it occurred within a one-day period. But, again, I 21 21 later after the day of disclosure in reaction to 22 22 would need to think more about it. 23 Q. Have you performed any analysis to determine 23 news, correct?") 24 whether or not new material information about Trust I or 24 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure that's completely 25 accurate. But I'm not sure how it's not completely 25 Trust II would cause a multi-day unit price impact? Page 85 Page 83 1 1 A. I don't believe so. accurate. 2 2 Q. What is the "null hypothesis"? Have you ever BY MR. WORD: heard that phrase before? 3 Q. Let me try making it better -- or asking a better 3 4 A. Yes, I have. auestion. 4 5 5 You described that if investors change their MR. ROSEN: The null hypothesis is that a 6 opinions, we could see a -- one could see a stock price 6 question is well constructed. 7 change days after information was disclosed. 7 MR. WORD: Trying to refute it. A. Well, I didn't say "investors." You said 8 THE WITNESS: Yeah, in what context? 8 9 9 BY MR. WORD: investors. Q. What did you say? 10 10 Q. Does your report refer to the null hypothesis? 11 A. Individuals. 11 A. It does refer to the null hypothesis. 12 O. Where does it refer to the null hypothesis? O. Individuals. 12 13 A. So it could be that analysts change their 13 A. I'm sure it's in more than one place. I'm trying to find the footnote that I specifically recall. This opinions or update their models, and those aren't 14 14 15 necessarily investors. 15 might take a little while. 16 Q. How do analyst opinions impact market price? 16 Q. Well, at risk of us not talking about the same A. Analyst opinions oftentimes inform people with 17 17 null hypothesis, check out footnote 84. See if I've got regards to a firm's valuation or a unit's valuation in 18 18 it right. 19 this case. 19 A. Okay. 20 20 Q. Is footnote 84 describing the null hypothesis? Q. An investor has to believe that opinion and react A. See, it's not -- it's not -- sorry. 21 to it, correct? 21 22 A. Believe with a hundred percent accuracy, I don't 22 O. I mean --23 23 A. It is stating "a -know. 24 24 Q. Well, if an investor does not make an investment Q. A null -decision based upon an analyst report, that analyst report 25 25 A. -- null hypothesis."



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- Q. So what I'm trying to get at is does the single appearance of an abnormal return that is statistically significant indicate market efficiency or is it merely a data point on the way to determining whether or not the market was efficient?
- A. I believe it's the latter. And so when I say "indicative," I mean that it informs my opinion as to whether or not -- I can't just look at a data point and say hey, there was a statistically significant return on that day and, thus, the stock is efficient for the entire class period.
- Q. Perfect. And that's the clarification I was trying to get at.
 - A. At least in this matter.
- Q. And, conversely, does the absence of a statistically significant abnormal return upon the disclosure of new company-specific information indicate a lack of market efficiency?
- A. No. And I think I addressed that in my report. Let me find exactly where I do that.
 - Q. Might be paragraph 71.
- A. It might be. That's right. "So not every piece 23 of new information" -- and I'm reading from paragraph 24 25 71 -- "will result in a statistically significant abnormal

- 1 efficient, correct?
 - A. I'm not sure I would characterize it that way. But I'm not sure how I would characterize it. It's an
 - 4 overly broad definition. I'd need to think about that. 5
 - Q. What I'm trying to get at is you for the purpose of performing your event study identify a number of event dates, right?
 - A. Correct.
 - 9 Q. And you evaluate each of those event dates to 10 determine whether or not there is an abnormal return on 11
 - A. A statistically significant abnormal return.
 - Q. And sometimes you find that there is a statistically significant abnormal return and sometimes you find out there's not a statistically significant abnormal return?
 - A. That is correct.
 - Q. And my question is do you focus on both of those results in determining whether or not the market is efficient or do you just focus on the findings that there was a statistically significant abnormal return on that event date?
 - A. It depends upon the test I'm running. So for instance in the first test, I believe that I focused -- or the first test with regards to event studies. I'm focused

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stock return to the extent that the new information may have been expected, or the valuation impact of the new information is appropriately modest, such that the appropriate abnormal price return is not statistically significant.

"As such, a finding of nonsignificance does not necessarily establish inefficiency, as a modest nonsignificant stock price reaction may be the appropriate and efficient stock price reaction to a particular information event."

And that's quoting a paper by Alon Brav and J.B. Heaton, who I believe are both at the University of Chicago, but Alon Brav might be at UCLA. "Event studies in Securities Litigation: Low power, Confounding Effects, and Bias." From the Washington University Law Review, 30th of March 2015, page 602. Actually, J.B. Heaton may no longer be at Chicago, but he certainly was when I was a graduate student.

- Q. So similarly to the significant -- statistically significant abnormal return, does the absence of a statistically abnormal return inform your view of whether or not a market is efficient?
- A. It could.
- Q. It's all data points you take into consideration of forming your opinion of whether or not the market is

on whether or not there's statistically significant stock price movements to specific event dates.

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To the extent that I look at both statistically significant stock price movements and non-statistically significant stock price movements on an objective criterion for event dates which I use in my second analysis, I believe I take all of these things into consideration.

Q. So for the purpose of your first evaluation which is the event study in which you performed -- that's a horrible question.

You describe your first -- let me back up even more.

A. Actually, let me correct that answer. Because to the extent that I -- I mean, I certainly also do consider non-statistically significant stock price movements in my first analysis as well.

(Court reporter clarification.)

THE WITNESS: Do consider non-statistically significant stock price movements in my first analysis as well. But it's more pronounced, I suppose, in my second analysis. Or more explicit.

23 BY MR. WORD:

> Q. And I should have done this at the outset. You performed two separate tests here, correct?



Page 102 Page 104 A. Again, it would have to be done on a case-by-case better understanding? 1 2 2 THE WITNESS: I will as soon as I look at what -basis. 3 3 Q. And that's all I'm trying to get at is I don't as soon as I see what I'm looking for here. 4 want to be surprised later on when you give me a new 4 MR. ROSEN: Is that Exhibit 9? opinion about this. If you haven't thought about it yet, 5 THE WITNESS: I think he's talking about б that's all I want to know. If you have not yet performed 6 Exhibit 9. 7 that analysis -- haven't thought about it with respect to 7 Okay. All right. If you could restate your 8 Trust I, that's all I want to know so I can cross it off 8 question. BY MR. WORD: 9 the list and say "haven't thought about it." 9 10 So have you thought about or evaluated whether or 10 Q. Have you performed any analysis of the number of 11 11 statistically significant abnormal returns on days in A. Well, see, "thought about" and "evaluated" are 12 which there is not new company-specific information 12 13 13 two different things. disclosed? 14 Q. If you've done one of those, that's great, too. 14 A. To the extent that Exhibit 9 has a very specific What I'm trying to --15 definition of what a news day and a non-news day is, the 15 answer would be yes. To the extent that you're talking 16 A. I may have --16 about news in general about the company, the answer is no. 17 Q. -- is know what you've done. 17 18 A. -- thought about it. I'm not sure whether or not 18 Q. And does the analysis appearing on Exhibit 9 19 suggest market inefficiency in any way? 19 I evaluated it. 20 A. That's something I would need to think about, but 20 Q. Okay. 21 based on these tests or my test results, it indicates to 21 A. I'm sure at some point I had a thought about me market efficiency. 22 that. And so to that extent, I'm sure I thought about it. 22 Q. But you have not performed analysis to take that 23 23 Q. Ready for a break? 24 A. Sure. 24 thought from a thought into something more concrete? 25 A. And, again, in these vague terms if you were 25 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going off the Page 103 Page 105 suggesting some type of analysis that I could perform, I record, and the time is 12:05 p.m. 1 1 2 2 think I'd have a better understanding of the question (Recess taken.) 3 3 you're asking. But because you're asking about analysis THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going back on the 4 in general, I'm not quite sure what you're talking about. 4 record, and the time is 12:49 p.m. 5 5 Q. You told me that we should see statistically BY MR. WORD: 6 significant abnormal returns on non-news days about 6 Q. All right. Let's dive right back in. In the 7 morning session, you referred me to paragraph 68 of your 5 percent of the time, right? A. I don't know if I said we should. We could. 8 report describing event studies. And paragraph 68 appears 8 9 Q. Could. Have you determined whether or not you 9 on page 35. 10 observed statistically significant abnormal returns on 10 In your first line there -more than 5 percent of the days? 11 11 A. I'm sorry. I must be looking at the wrong page. A. Oh, I could certainly go through this and tell 12 What page? 12 13 you whether or not I observed that. Would you like me to 13 Q. Paragraph 68 --A. Oh, paragraph. I apologize. 14 do that? 14 Q. Is it easier if I refer to only one of those 15 Q. Yeah, I think it's part of your second test but 15 16 yes. If it's not, go ahead. 16 numbers rather than both of them? A. Sure. If you want to stick with -- why don't we 17 (Court reporter clarification.) 17 MR. WORD: Second test. stick with paragraphs? 18 18 19 BY MR. WORD: 19 Q. Okay. 20 A. How about that? 20 Q. But if you could provide me something else, 21 Q. So paragraph 68, you read that to me before. And 21 that's fine. A. Oh, I see what you're saying. Now -- I think I it states that "the event study is the paramount tool for 22 22 23 have a better understanding of your question. 23 testing market efficiency." You agree with that



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Q. Okay.

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- 1 Q. This was a statement by SandRidge Energy, 2
- 3 A. Are we looking at November 9?
 - Q. November 9, 2012.
- 5 A. All right. By what energy?
 - Q. The disclosure on September -- excuse me, the disclosure on November 9, 2012, was a disclosure made by SandRidge Energy?
 - A. Ah. Okay. I thought you said Standard Energy.
- 10 Q. Okay.

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- A. I was like what? I don't know what we're talking about here. Yes, that is a disclosure -- or it appears to be a disclosure by SandRidge Energy.
- 14 Q. And that disclosure was about SandRidge wells, 15 correct?
- 16 A. Well, it released its results for the quarter of 17 2012 and held a conference call with investors -- I'm 18 sorry -- before the market opened on November 9, 2012.
 - Q. And SandRidge was describing its results, right?
- A. Among other things, correct. 20
- 21 Q. It wasn't describing Trust I results, right?
- A. It was discussing the assets that make up Trust I 22 23 and Trust II.
- 24 Q. How did it discuss the assets that make up 25 Trust I and Trust II?

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A. "On the conference call, management disclosed it had been producing more natural gas and less oil in it's Mississippian wells and that it would be reducing its guidance for oil production going forward. Quote, 'As we continue to grow the Mississippian well count across a large area, we also are seeing an increase in our natural gas production. And this increase has been offset by a lower amount of oil than we anticipated at the beginning of last year.

"Based on our production performance through Q3, we are revising our 2012 production guidance up by 5 percent on natural gas to 93 BcF and down about 2 percent on oil to 17.8 million barrels of oil.'

"As for the Mississippian, while the gas performance has been on target, we are seeing a steeper oil decline than we previously anticipated, and have made revisions to our model accordingly for 2013. We will not have a third-party consultant type curve until year end."

- Q. And you'll agree with me that no part of that discussion you just read concerns Trust I, right?
 - A. What do you mean?
- Q. Does any of the facts you just read concern
- 23 Trust I?
- 24 A. What do you mean by "concern"?
 - Q. Does it disclose any information about Trust I?

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- A. Well, to the extent that the Mississippian -- the
- 2 Trust I and Trust II have exposures to the Mississippian, 3 I believe it has. But if you mean did they specifically
- 4 state Trust I and Trust II in that statement, no, there is
- no specific mention of Trust I and Trust II in that 6 statement.
 - Q. That's because Trust I discloses Trust I results, right?

MR. ROSEN: Objection.

THE WITNESS: I don't -- I -- I don't know how to answer that question. To the extent that Trust I was made up of wells in the Mississippian, I believe that this is

13 germane to my analysis. If you're adding an extra 14 criterion that it must specifically state or talk about

15 Trust I or Trust II, no, that quote does not specifically 16 talk about Trust I or Trust II.

17 BY MR. WORD:

- Q. Did you consider any other disclosures by any other company operating wells in Mississippian other than SandRidge?
- 21 A. I'd have to think about that. I don't believe 22 so. But, again, I'd need to think about that.
 - Q. It's not listed in the materials you previously identified as all the materials you relied upon for the purpose of rendering your opinions, right?

A. Are you making a statement or asking a question?

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- 1 2 Q. I'm asking. I didn't see any reports in
- 3 Exhibit 2 of Exhibit 1, your report, that indicated you,
- for example, looked at the SEC filings of Chesapeake, an 4 5 operator of oil wells in the Mississippian. 6
 - A. I believe that is correct. I did not look at Chesapeake's SEC filings.
 - Q. And SandRidge operates different wells than Trust I, right?
 - A. To the best of my knowledge, yes. But at the same time we agree or we had agreed earlier that SandRidge's profitability was going to be a function of the return on units one and two since they held an interest in this those two trusts.
 - Q. But is SandRidge describing here the oil and gas its receiving out of its wells or the wells that have been allocated to Trust I and Trust II?
 - A. As I sit here, I don't know.
 - Q. Trust I has substantially fewer wells than SandRidge, correct?
 - A. I believe that is correct. But as I sit here today, I don't know for sure.
- 23 Q. And SandRidge Trust II also has substantially 24 fewer wells than SandRidge Energy, right?
 - A. Again, if you want to stipulate to that, that's



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- fine, but as I sit here today, I don't know the answer tothat question.
- Q. SandRidge Energy has different projections than Trust I projections for their wells, right?
 - A. I believe that is correct.
 - Q. Same thing for Sandridge Trust II. Trust II makes projections for its wells. Sandridge Energy makes projections for its wells.
 - A. Again, as I sit here today, I don't know. If you want to stipulate to that fact, I'm more than happy to accept it and then ask -- ask any hypotheticals based on those questions -- or those assumptions.
 - Q. Have you ever previously conducted an event study in which you relied upon event days including -- strike that.

Have you previously conducted an event study using events dates on which a firm other than the one being tested disclosed the news?

A. Yes.

- O. Which cases?
- A. As I sit here, I don't recall, but it's not like you've described some kind of abnormal situation.
 - Q. So before when you said you were looking for company-specific news --
 - A. Gesundheit.

time that Mississippian wells were finding more gas and

- A. Is it the first time they disclosed that? As I sit here, I don't know. I'd need to review the document.
 - Q. If it's not the first time, it shouldn't be new information, right?
 - A. I'm sorry. Could you repeat the question?
 - Q. If the fact that Mississippian wells are producing more gas and less oil had previously been disclosed, then it wasn't new information on November 9, right?

MR. ROSEN: Objection as to form.

THE WITNESS: So what's incorrect about that statement is you're talking about just changes. You're not talking about size of changes.

BY MR. WORD:

- Q. I'm not talking -- I'm just talking about just changes. So for example, do you believe that on November 9, SandRidge's disclosure regarding the fact that SandRidge was finding more gas and less oil communicated information about Trust I and whether they were finding more oil -- more gas and less oil?
 - A. Okay. Could you re-read the question, please.
 THE COURT REPORTER: Re-read the question?
 MR. WORD: Yes. Yeah, if he asked for it, that's

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Q. -- that wasn't a limitation and you could use

noncompany-specific news for purposes of selecting events?

A. Well, let me give you an example. Suppose Apple is making their iPhones and so one of their -- the producer of LED screens say that, you know, their productivity for the quarter is lacking. They don't describe it to any particular item. But it could be a result of Apple producing less iPhones.

People might interpret that news without them mentioning Apple and assume that oh, well, that might then alter -- I might expect to see Apple's stock price change. So I mean, I could go on for hours about this. So the fact that you're talking about news of a company not necessarily -- yeah, I mean, other noncompany news can drive a stock price or change a stock price.

- Q. But you chose to look at SandRidge disclosures rather than, for example, Trust I disclosure, correct?
- A. Well, to the extent that there were SandRidge Trust I and Trust II disclosures, I looked at those with regards to the criterions that I set up.
- Q. And one of the criterions you set up was a disclosure of changes in the mix of oil and gas, right?
 - A. I believe that is correct.
- Q. So is it your understanding that SandRidge
 Energy's disclosure on November 9, disclosed for the first

fine.

(The record was read back by the reporter as follows: "Do you believe that on November 9, SandRidge's disclosure regarding the fact that SandRidge was finding more gas and less oil communicated information about Trust I and whether they were finding more gas and less oil?")

THE WITNESS: I believe that -- that by choosing that date, there is that implicit assumption, yes. BY MR. WORD:

Q. Okay. This is marked as Exhibit 5. This is the SandRidge Mississippian Trust I 8-K filed on November 1, 2012 eight days before the SandRidge disclosure on November 9. This 8-K attaches a press release disclosing SandRidge Mississippian Trust I quarterly results.

If you look at the second paragraph, sir, you'll see that it reads "during the three-month period -- production period ended August 31, 2012, total sales volume increased 10 percent over the previous three-month period. This increased volume was due to higher natural gas production, offset by slightly lower oil production." The same information that was communicated eight days later by SandRidge Energy.

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- going to be, correct. 1
- 2 Q. And your analysis determined that there was not a
- 3 statistically significant abnormal return at the
- 4 95 percent confidence level in Trust I securities
- 5 following the February -- or excuse me -- the January 31,
- 6 2013 announcement, right?
 - A. I'm sorry. Now you're talking about what date?
- 8 Q. Same -- same -- sorry.
- A. You just said January. 9
- 10 Q. I moved. January 31st, 2013, is the next date
- 11 you've identified as an event date, right? Paragraph 97
- 12 of your report. A. Okay. 13

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- 14 Q. And I'm submitting to you that that information
- had previously been disclosed in November 2nd of 2012. 15
- The market knew that the oil-to-gas ratio --16
- 17 A. I'm sorry. I don't mean to be difficult.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. So now we're looking from November 1st to --
- Q. And now --20
- 21 A. -- February 1st?
- 22 Q. Yeah, moving --
- 23 A. No, 31st, whatever you want. Right.
- 24 O. Yeah, I'm not sure which way we should describe
- 25 that.

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- 1 A. Well, to the extent that it dealt with the firm's 2 profitability as a result of the mix of oil and gas.
- 3 Q. But wasn't that disclosed months earlier on
- 4 November 2 of 2012?
- A. That -- it was disclosed, but the interpretation
- 6 by Raymond James was not disclosed on that date.
- 7 Q. How could Trust I have known Raymond James or any 8 other person's interpretation of their news three months

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- 10 A. I'm sorry, what?
- 11 Q. I'll move on. What new fraud-related news was
- disclosed on January 31, 2013 about Trust II? 12
- 13 A. An interpretation or an update by Raymond James 14 was undertaken on that date or at least reported on that
- 15 date.
- 16 O. Did --
- 17 A. So I mean --
- 18 Q. -- Raymond James reveal part of the fraud that
- wasn't revealed on November 9? 19
- 20 A. It could reveal an effect of the fraud.
 - Q. For how long should we expect to see the effect
- 22 of the fraud? Each quarter when an analyst downgrades the
- stock? Is that an effect of the fraud? 23
 - A. No, not necessarily.
- 25 Q. So how do we decide -- how do you decide what's

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- A. Okay. Q. Yes. Certainly the information was disclosed
- after the market closed on January 31, 2013. I'm just --
- 4 my reading of your report suggests that the market --5 well. I take that back.
 - Trust I units did not demonstrate a statistically significant abnormal return at the 95 percent confidence level following the January 31, 2013 disclosure, correct?
 - A. That is correct.
 - Q. And based upon our earlier discussion, I think we
- 11 can agree that you did not attempt to determine whether or
- not this absence of a statistically significant abnormal 12
- 13 return on this date was due to the fact that SandRidge
- Mississippian Trust I disclosed the change in its 14 15 oil-to-gas ratio on November 2 of 2012?
- 16 A. Well, other things occurred on that date.
- 17 O. On what date?
- 18 A. On this February 1, 2013 day. And so for
- 19 instance, Raymond James downgraded SandRidge Trust II at
- 20 least. I believe there was some discussion of SandRidge
- 21 Trust I. The point being that these individuals
- 22 presumably updated their models based on whatever
- 23 additional information or updating they had done and so
- 24 that was new information.
- Q. But was it fraud-related? 25

an effect of the fraud and what's not?

- A. To the extent we're talking about events that are
- 3 outside of the class period, I'm just dealing with issues
- 4 that are related to the fraud. So for instance, if I'm
- 5 going to do a damage analysis, I won't be looking at these
- 6 dates presumably unless they are brought forward as
- 7 corrective disclosures. And in that case I will look at
- 8 those dates with regards to loss causation.
- 9 Q. What I'm trying to understand is why you're
- 10 looking at a disclosure on January 31, 2013 when you have
- 11 disclosures within the class period on November 2012 that
- 12 relate to these exact issues?
- 13 A. Because it possibly represents an upgrading or an
- updating of investor information based on the information 14
- 15 that's released on those dates.
- 16 Q. How do we know when the updating of the
- 17 information ceases?
- A. I think we'd have to take that on a case-by-case 18 19
- basis and so I'd need to think about it as I sit here 20
 - Q. How do you know that Raymond James is related --
- 22 Raymond James is reacting to fraud-related news or
- 23 allegation-related news as opposed to simple performance?
- 24 A. Well, you're now distinguish -- I guess I don't 25
 - quite understand the distinction you're making. Because



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- to resume growth on a material basis." 1
 - Q. So, again, I'll ask you which of that -- what portion of that information is new company-specific information related to the allegations of fraud?
 - A. RBC's opinion is new.

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- Q. RBC's -- only RBC's opinion is new? They're basing that upon disclosed facts.
- A. They are expressing what appears to be a new opinion for them.
 - Q. How is their opinion related to the fraud?
- A. Well, their opinion might inform people's understanding of how the wells are performing. Look, you keep going back to this idea of fraud. And maybe I was inarticulate in my statement -- my original statement of what I performed. I performed an event study looking at four days that -- yes. "I reviewed news events during the class period on which new information related to quantity and mix of oil and natural gas in the underlying properties for the SandRidge Trust I or SandRidge Trust II was released, including announcements from the Trust and the Trustor, SandRidge Energy."
 - Q. And we discussed earlier that "the appropriate candidate events for inclusion in a market efficiency event study are events on which company specific information was released that is new, unexpected, not

- 1 appreciate the price impact of the disclosures on November 2 9 or January 31?
 - A. So you need to make a distinction between price impact and a proper price impact. And what I mean by that is the market can update its beliefs about a stock or, in this case, units based on the news release at the time, but until they fully understand or have a full

comprehension of what that news is and how it might affect the company, they might later change their analysis.

So, for instance, in this example -- and, again, I don't believe RBC initially downgraded the company when these announcements came out. All right? So it took RBC time to distillate or analyze the news that they were given, update their models, which are not known by the market, and issue a new opinion. You seem to think that those two things are separate, but they're not.

- Q. Your opinion is that the market price for Trust I and Trust II units is impacted by analyst opinions, correct?
- A. It certainly can be influenced by analyst 20 21 opinions.
- 22 Q. How many analyst opinions did you evaluate for 23 the purpose of conducting your event study?
 - A. As I sit here, I don't recall.
 - Q. Do you recall how many event -- analyst opinions

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- confounded by major countervailing news, and is of such 2 import as to reasonably be expected to elicit a stock
- 3 price reaction over the threshold for statistical
- 4 significance," correct?
 - A. That is what my report states.
 - Q. What portion of the RBC disclosure was unexpected?
 - A. Their opinion with regards to the mix of oil and gas and its impact on the trust.
 - Q. How do you know it was unexpected that an analyst would downgrade the trust units after they disclosed disappointing results and a declining dividend?
 - A. Well, implicit in the downgrade is an updating of their model.
 - Q. Did the market not expect that the models would be downgraded or revised following new information disclosed by SandRidge Trust I?
 - A. Well, see you're now asking a question about perfect foresight. And so to the extent that takes time for information to be digested and in this case these individuals, these analysts, in this case RBC, updated their models based on this information, that was then conveyed to the market and the market found that to be news.
 - Q. And does that mean that the market didn't fully

were issued during the class period on Trust I or

2 Trust II?

- 3 A. During the class period?
 - O. Mm-hm.
- 5 A. I don't recall.
 - Q. Do you recall how many were issued after the
 - class period?
 - A. I don't recall.
- 9 Q. Do you recall any time an analyst downgraded 10 Trust I securities prior to RBC declining -- downgrading 11 Trust I securities?
- 12 A. And we're talking about the downgrade on February 13
- 14 Q. Yeah, prior to RBC downgrading on February 6, had 15 any other analysts downgraded Trust I or Trust II 16 securities?
- 17 A. Now we're talking about both Trust I or Trust II?
- 18 Q. Or we can focus on Trust I if you like. I think 19 my first question was just about Trust I. You're right.
 - A. As I sit here today, I don't recall any downgrades by analysts of Trust I from the end of the class period to February 6, 2013.
 - Q. How about during the class period?
- 24 A. As I sit here today, I don't recall.
 - Q. Go to your last date March 5, 2013 which is



Page 182 Page 184 1 THE COURT REPORTER: Yeah, one more time. 1 Q. And how do they discuss the trusts? A. As I sit here, I don't recall. 2 THE WITNESS: Oh, you need it? 2 THE COURT REPORTER: Yeah, I got snarled. 3 3 Q. Are you aware of any SandRidge Energy earnings 4 BY MR. WORD: 4 announcements that concern the production of Trust I or 5 Q. Are you aware of any studies or literature 5 Trust II wells? 6 6 describing the expected ratio of statistically significant A. As I sit here today, I don't know the answer to 7 abnormal return on news days to non-news days for 7 that question. companies to determine whether they operate in an 8 Q. Did you also include SandRidge Energy analyst calls as news days or just the earnings releases? 9 efficient market? 9 10 A. I believe there are two studies I cite in this 10 A. I'm sorry. What was that question? 11 paper. The one is "The Less Than Efficient Capital Market 11 (The record was read back by the reporter as Hypothesis: Requiring More Proof From Plaintiffs in 12 follows: "QUESTION: Did you also include 12 13 Fraud-on-the Market Cases." 13 SandRidge Energy analyst calls as news days or 14 Where is the other cite? Maybe it's earlier. 14 just the earnings releases?") 15 Ah, here we go. So the paper I cited before, there's THE WITNESS: Analyst calls meaning calls on 15 16 another paper, "The Use and Misuse of Event Studies to 16 which analysts were -- like Sandridge was doing an 17 Examine Market Efficiency" by David Tabak which is a Nera 17 earnings announcement and there were analysts on the phone 18 White Paper. And then "The Curious Incident of the Dog 18 call? 19 19 that Didn't Bark and Establishing Cause-and-Affect BY MR. WORD: 20 Analysis in Class Action Securities" by Michael Hartzmark 20 Q. Correct. Let's just call them earnings calls. 21 21 and Nejat Seyhun in the Virginia Law and Business Review. A. I mean, I did look at conference calls so to some 22 22 And then there's a series of court cases cited in extent I suppose analysts were on on those conference 23 which they -- this type of analysis has been accepted, 23 24 24 which I'm happy to read off as well. But in terms of Q. So you identified Trust I and Trust II conference 25 academic literature, there might be additional academic 25 calls as news days. But you list only SandRidge Energy Page 183 Page 185 literature, but that would be three such examples. earnings releases. I'm wondering why you excluded 1 1 2 Q. Okay. Why don't we take a break? 2 conference calls there, if you did? 3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going off the 3 A. As I sit here, I don't recall. I believe --4 record, and the time is 3:08 p.m. 4 well, I just don't recall as I sit here. 5 (Recess taken.) 5 Q. Paragraph 125, you state there that there are 19 6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going back on the б days during the class period -- that's for Trust I --7 record, and the time is 3:21 p.m. 7 which you identified as news days, correct? 8 BY MR. WORD: 8 A. Well, I don't identify them as news days. They 9 Q. For your news and no-news day test, you included 9 meet my criterion for news days or my definition of news 10 as news days disclosures by Sandridge Energy, correct? 10 days. 11 A. I'm sorry. What page are you looking at? 11 Q. I'm just reading the words you wrote. "The class 12 Q. Let's say paragraph 119. period which I identified as news days." 12 13 A. Paragraph 119. That was one of the things I 13 A. Oh, okay. So I guess I'm just trying to be more 14 looked at, correct. 14 precise. 15 Q. And directing your attention to footnote 149. 15 Q. Okay. So you identified a criteria for what 16 You describe why SandRidge Energy earnings announcements 16 constituted a news day and then looked at the news days. 17 would be of particular importance to unitholders of 17 And if it met your criteria, you identified that as a news SandRidge Trust I and SandRidge Trust II. Do you see 18 18 day for purposes of your news/non-news day test? 19 that? 19 A. Correct. 20 20 A. I do. Q. And you identified in this paragraph 19 such 21 Q. What is the basis for your conclusion in that 21 days, right? 22 footnote? 22 A. For? 23 A. Without going through all the SandRidge Energy 23 Q. Trust I. disclosures, I believe they discuss the unit trusts in 24 24 A. Trust I, correct. 25 their SEC -- in some of their SEC filings. 25 Q. Am I correct that Exhibit 7A reflects the



Page 234 Page 236 not specifically with regards to trust units that I 1 Q. How many times have you rendered trial testimony 1 2 2 in connection with securities class actions on the market 3 3 O. And I may have already asked you. Do you recall efficiency topic? 4 as you sit here whether you've ever done an event study in 4 A. Trial testimony on market efficiency? None. 5 connection with a trust unit? 5 Q. If a -- if as part of your analysis a 6 statistically significant abnormal return on non-news days 6 A. As I sit here today, I don't recall. I believe 7 7 occurs more than 5 percent of the time, does that suggest the answer is no, but I don't recall. 8 Q. And do you recall whether as you sit here today 8 to you that the event study either may be flawed or that you've ever done a -- ever written a paper or done a 9 the market is not efficient? 9 10 presentation related to the market efficiency in 10 A. It's an incomplete hypothetical. I'd need to 11 connection -- related to market efficiency in connection 11 know a lot more about what type of things we're looking 12 12 with trust units? 13 A. So I believe in your statement you used the word 13 Q. You would need to examine why the SSAR was 14 "presentation." 14 occurring more than 5 percent of the time on non-news days 15 to come to a conclusion as to why that was occurring? 15 Q. Correct. A. Maybe I'm -- maybe it's the end of a long day. 16 A. What do you mean by presentation? 16 When you say SSAR you mean --Q. Well, you've got a section -- I thought 17 17 18 perhaps it was -- oh, yeah, you do. You have a section in 18 Q. Statistically significant abnormal return. Exhibit 1, your C.V., entitled Presentations. A. -- statistically significant abnormal return. 19 19 20 A. Ah. 20 Q. Correct. 21 21 Q. So that's how I use the word. A. Sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt you. 22 Could you repeat the question, please. 22 A. I believe the answer to that is no. Q. Do you recall ever performing any type of event 23 MR. ROSEN: Objection. I mean, he says it's an 23 study or market efficiency analysis where the issuer of 24 incomplete hypothetical. You're asking him to speculate 24 25 the stock or unit that was at issue represented publicly 25 without any data. You got to give him some data. Page 235 Page 237 that the stock price and dividends would decline over 1 MR. BENESH: Read the question back, please. 1 2 THE COURT REPORTER: You guys were going back and 2 time? 3 3 A. As I sit here, I don't recall. forth a bit. 4 4 MR. BENESH: You want me to clean it up a little Q. How many -- back to general questions. I 5 5 apologize for jumping around. bit for you? 6 How many depositions have you given before? 6 THE COURT REPORTER: I mean, the one where you 7 7 were asking "you would need to examine why the SSAR was A. Do you mean depositions in securities class 8 occurring more than 5 percent of the time as to why that 8 actions? 9 9 was occurring?" Q. Securities class action. Thanks for the 10 qualification on that. 10 MR. BENESH: Yeah, let me clean it up. 11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Got to go off. 11 BY MR. BENESH: 12 THE COURT REPORTER: Got to go off. 12 Q. If a SSAR occurs on non-news days more than 13 13 5 percent of the time, is it your testimony that you THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Sorry. wouldn't be able to conclude either that the event study 14 MR. BENESH: That's okay. 14 15 (Recess taken.) 15 might be flawed or that the market is not efficient without further examination of the issue? 16 BY MR. BENESH: 16 MR. ROSEN: Objection. Calls for speculation. Q. Again, the question is how many times have you 17 17 provided deposition testimony in connection with 18 Incomplete hypothetical. You say "more than." How much 18 19 securities cases? 19 more than? 20 BY MR. BENESH: 20 A. With regards to market efficiency --21 Q. You may answer. 21 Q. Yes, sir. 22 22 A. -- in a securities class action, at least 11. MR. ROSEN: You have to be more specific. Q. And how many of those 11 depositions were you 23 THE WITNESS: My testimony is that it is an 23 incomplete hypothetical and as such, I can't answer it. retained by the plaintiffs in those lawsuits? 24 24 25 MR. BENESH: Fair enough. And with that, I pass A. I believe all of them. 25

